

## Message Text

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TAGS: PINS VE  
SUBJECT: NIEHOUS KIDNAPPING - MRS.NIEHOUS WRITES TO HUSBAND  
THROUGH CARACAS PRESS

REF: CARACAS 3873

1. "EL NACIONAL" OF MAY 19 CARRIES STORY REPRINTING PHOTOCOPY  
(WITH SPANISH TRANSLATION) OF A LETTER MRS. NIEHOUS SENT TO  
HER HUSBAND VIA THE NEWSPAPER.

2. SALIENT QUOTES FROM LETTER FOLLOW: QUOTE I AM USING THE  
NEWSPAPER AS MY ONLY HOPE OF COMMUNICATING WITH YOU....I HOPE  
YOU KNOW THAT JACK ANDERSON HAS OFFERED TO BE AN INTERMEDIARY.  
HE MEANS IT, BILL\* I GUESS THAT HE, AT LEAST, UNDERSTANDS HOW  
HE'D FEEL IF HE WERE THE ONE WHO WAS KIDNAPPED....WE ARE TRYING  
TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN, AGAINST INHUMAN ODDS, TO GET YOU FREE.  
END QUOTE.

3. STORY NOTES THAT THE LETTER WAS SENT TO "EL NACIONAL" EDITOR  
WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE PUBLISHED SO THAT HER HUSBAND MIGHT  
READ IT.  
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## Message Attributes

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